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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2009. A one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith via the EFS-web to move the deadline for response to February 16, 2010 (February 14, 2010 fell on a Sunday and February 15, 2010 fell on a Federal Holiday).

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8 of this paper.